(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how is PPCL's product 'Son-Ganga' doing, marketing-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) There have been no report of labour unrest at Amjhor unit of M/s. PPCL.

(b) and (c) The main reasons for losses of PPCL have been due to high cost of production of S.S.P. based on Pyrites route, stiff competition , amongst manufacturers after decontrol of Phosphatic Fertilizers unremunerative price fixation by few States under Adhoc Concession Scheme and heavy interest costs due to delay in release of concession.

(d) PPCL's Single Super Phosphate under the brand name of 'Sone-Ganga' has been selling well in the domestic market. The sales of 'Sone-Ganga' during 1994-95 and 1995-96 were 1.79 lakhs MT and 1.61 lakhs MT respectively. During 1996-97 upto the end of February, 1997 PPCL has sold 1.83 lakh MT of 'Sone-Ganga'.

Shortage of Fertilizers In Andhra Pradesh

2131. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a shortfall is expected in availability of fertilizers during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have been unable to arrange adequate fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh for 1996-97;

(d) how do Government propose to meet the current shortage of fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) whether any meeting has been held with the State Government in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Urea is the only fertilizer under statutory price, movement and distribution controls. There has been adequate availability of urea in the country and there are no reports of shortage from the States so far during Rabi 1996-97. Problem of localised shortage wherever reported, have been taken care of by rushing immediate supplies.

(c) to (f) No problem is anticipated in meeting the current demand of urea in the State of Andhra Pradesh. In the aftermath of two cyclones in the Andhra Pradesh during Rabi 1996-97, the State had experienced problems of organising availability of certain brands of complex fertilizers which are decontrolled. The supply of these fertilizers was facilitated through the intervention of the Government of India.

A meeting to assess the additional requirement of urea for the States for the current Rabi season was held by department of Agriculture & Cooperation on 12.12.96. The original ECA allocation of 11.20 LMT was considered adequate to meet the demand of urea in Andhra Pradesh.

कीटनाशकों का उत्पादन

†2132. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में उत्पादित किए जा रहे विभिन्न प्रकार के कीटनाशकों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या सरकार कीटनाशकों को तैयार करने हेतु नीम का उपयोग करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शीश राम ओला): (क) इस समय देश में 60 से अधिक विभिन्न प्रकार के तकनीकी स्तर के कीटनाशकों का उत्पादन किया जा रहा है।